

(sorry for the handwriting; my typewriter is not handy. I'll try to write larger than I usually do)

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Harold -

You told me to watch out for the number 110669, and why that number is significant. I have thought about it, and the material that follows indicates the first step in the course of my thinking. I plan to pursue this further when I can get in touch with someone who can help me, but now I offer it merely as a suggestion for a line of inquiry.

I caution you that I do not know about matters related to codes, so realizing how tentatively I offer this, I'll try to contact someone who knows about such matters, and he may be able to determine the validity of this line of inquiry.

I suggest that you compare 110669 with the number 19106 that appears in the notebooks of both Shaw and Oswald. LHO uses the Russian letters for "DD" preceding 19106, and Shaw lists the following address:

Lee Odum
PO Box 19106
Dallas, Tex.

Not only do the notebook numbers correspond, but also the name Lee Odum corresponds with Lee Oswald in the first name and first initial of the last name; that is, Lee O(dum) corresponds with Lee O(swald). That relationship adds considerably to the probability that the correspondence between the two notebook numbers is not accidental.

Considering the numbers themselves, one ought also to ponder this feature: that both 110669 and 19106 contain only the digits 1, 6, 9, and 0. All these four digits appear in both numbers, and neither of the numbers contains other digits.

The conversion of one number to the other is easily accomplished. Because I do not know about cryptography, I cannot explain the rationality of the system, but I shall try to check and learn whether there is a ~~standard~~ standard or systematic method of conversion.

The 5-digit number can be converted to the 6-digit number by repeating the last digit, and shifting the second digit to the end of the series; e.g.:

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} 1 & 9 & 1 & 0 & 6 & \\ \hline & 1 & 1 & 0 & 6 & 6 & 9 \end{array}$$

Conversely, the 6-digit number can be converted to the 5-digit as follows:

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} 1 & 1 & 0 & 6 & 6 & 9 \\ \hline & 1 & 1 & 0 & 6 & \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{(delete)} \\ \downarrow \end{array}$$

As I said, I do not know about codes, and cannot tell whether this represents a logical method of conversion. I suggest that you make inquiries about it; I'll do the same. I think I may be guessing in the right area, but do not know if my reasons for so guessing are justified.

To carry speculation one step farther (assuming that I am right about the association relationship between the two numbers), this might be the motive for the inclusion of 19106 in the notebooks of the two men:

Oswald wanted to remember the number 110669, and entered it cryptically in his notebooks (while in Russia) as "DD" 19106. The letters "DD" may have no significance.

Shaw wanted to remember not only the number, but also the person with whom it was associated. The name Lee Odum stands for Lee Oswald, and 19106 ~~is~~ is a coded version of 110669.

The "real" Lee Odum, who surfaced in Dallas after Garrison played with the number 19106, would of course negate all speculation regarding the association of the two numbers in question. If it appears that there is a standard or systematic method of converting 19106 to 110669, then I would be strongly inclined to reject Lee Odum of Dallas as a phony. I suspect that, in any case.

Does this make sense to you?

Still,

Dick

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